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Commencement and Baccalaureate Speakers Named

Dean Wilson announced today the official program for Commencement week and also released the names of the speakers and acceptance of the Commencement speaker and of the Baccalaureate speaker.

For the Baccalaureate Exercises on Sunday, January 23, at 11 a. m., Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman will deliver the Baccalaureate address. Rabbi Isserman is Rabbi at the Temple Israel in St. Louis. One of the most prominent speakers of the nation and probably the most talented of his race, Rabbi Isserman just recently returned to the United States after an extended tour of the fighting fronts in Africa, where he was serving as a chaplain.

The faculty reception for the students, their parents, and visitors will take place on Monday, Jan. 24 at 8:30 at the Parish House. On this same evening Commencement Ball will be held beginning at 10 p. m. also at the Parish House.

Paul Greer, City Editor of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating seniors at the Commencement Exercises Tuesday, January 25, at 10 a. m. in Parker Hall. Mr. Greer is considered among his newspaper colleagues as a "Crusader" for the truth. He is also a very great upholder of student cooperatives in colleges and universities. In his letter accepting the invitation to speak at Commencement, Mr. Greer did not mention his topic, but he did com-

ment that such thoughts as: the definition of wealth as being consumable goods rather than gold or any form of money, the importance of keeping social progress abreast of mechanical advancement, and the stress on social engineering in general, would be apropos at this time.

There will be no classes for all students, both civilian and AST on Tuesday morning, January 25, in order to give all students a opportunity of attending the graduation ceremonies.

M.S.M. Approved For Advanced AST Course in Engr.

Dean Wilson announced today that Missouri School of Mines had been accepted for instruction of the advanced A. S. T. course in engineering.

The quota for the new term scheduled to begin on February 7, 1943 includes 340 Basic A. S. T. Engineering Students and 60 advanced A. S. T. Engineering students. The advanced students will be distributed among the Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering Departments.

Some folks take palmists' opinions seriously though they're just offhand.

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50 DEAD IN
DESTROYER BLAST.
NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(UP)—
A death toll of at least 50 was
feared today in the explosions
which shattered and sank a United
States destroyer in the icy waters
of lower New York Bay off Sandy
Hook, N. J., yesterday. The Navy
said 163 members of the crew
were rescued, and that 108 of
them were injured, six seriously.

LABOR BLAMES
ROOSEVELT.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(UP)—
Prominent senators joined Pres-
ident William Green of the Amer-
ican Federation of Labor today in
placing responsibility for labor un-
rest at the door of the Roosevelt
administration.

SEE NEW INVASION.
WASHINGTON—Secretary of
the Navy Frank Knox said today
that American airmen are con-
tinuing to "soften up" the Marshal
Islands, indicating that prepara-
tions are being made for invasion
of those Japanese-held islands.

SLAY PARTISANS
ON MARCH.
LONDON—Fierce Yugoslav Part-
isan troops, smashing into the
headquarters of the 2nd German
tank army in central Yugoslavia,
fought through the streets of
Banja Luka today and front re-
ports indicated the fall of that
Nazi stronghold was imminent.

APPROVES
MARSHALL'S CRITICISM.
WASHINGTON—Sen. Clyde M.
Reed, R., Kans., today endorsed
the week end criticism of labor
which he attributed to Gen.
George C. Marshall and said that
President Roosevelt would have
said the same thing long ago "if
he had Marshall's intellectual in-
tegrity, courage and candor."

WAR FUND DRIVE REACHES MIDWAY MARK THIS WEEK

FT. WOOD (Special)—The clink
of coins was heard this week all
over Fort Leonard Wood as civil-
ians and soldiers contributed bits
—maybe two bits—to the National
War Fund Drive which began Mon-
day and will finish Jan. 8.
More than 50 contributions ear-
ned have been placed in Post Ex-
changes, certain mess-halls, serv-
ice clubs, theaters and warehouses
and shops on the post. Civilians
have been solicited for contribu-
tions and military personnel is
eligible to contribute.
The National War Fund is a
combined fund for 19 international
welfare and war relief agencies
headed by USO which will receive
the major portion of the funds col-
lected. Other large shares will be
allotted to the Russian War Relief,
Inc. and United China Relief, Inc.
This is the only fund drive spon-
sored for these organizations.

4 CAGE CHAMPS DECIDED AT FORT

FT. WOOD, (Special)—Cham-
pions have been decided in the
289th Infantry's four basketball
leagues, and a tournament to de-
termine the regimental titlist will
get under way next week.
Company B, winning its sixth
league game in seven starts, cap-
tured the Red (or 1st Battalion)
circuit's crown by whipping sec-
ond-place Company D, 36 to 22, at
the field house Monday night.
The following evening, Company
I clinched the Blue (or 3d Battal-
ion) League title by winning over
the runner-up Battalion HQ Com-
pany team, 22 to 19, for its fifth
decision against no losses.
Company F, unbeaten in seven
games, previously annexed the
White (or 2d Battalion) loop
crown, and Service Company wrap-
ped up the Rainbow (or Provisional
Battalion) League championship
with a 43-to-17 triumph over Can-
non Company. The victory was
Service Company's sixth without
defeat.
Other results last week included
forfeits for Company F over Com-
pany H and Company A over Com-
pany D.

Sees Industry's Tools Adaptable for Peace

NEW YORK (UP)—Intense ma-
chine tool production for war has
equaled in a few years the normal
output of 27 years, Tell Berna,
general manager of the National

TO FACE GROWING SHORTAGES IN MANPOWER HERE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(UP)—
Industry and agriculture gener-
ally will continue to face man-
power shortages during 1944 but
present indications are that the
west coast and particularly the
San Francisco area, will be most
critically affected in the new year,
a survey showed today.

Reports from representative war
production centers indicated there
would be little possibility of eas-
ing manpower controls, either in
war plants or on farms, until the
end of the European phase of the
war when some relaxation might
be permitted in the East. The sit-
uation on the west coast, already
tight, will grow more intense as
increased activity in the Pacific
shifts additional war burdens
there.

War Manpower Chief Paul V.
McNutt said in an interview that
much of the west coast problem
was traceable to the housing
shortage, which continued to ex-
ist because of lack of adequate
funds. Asked if a national service
or labor draft law would solve
any impending new west coast
crisis, McNutt said it could be ef-
fective only in housing, transporta-
tion and other essential living fa-
cilities were available for new
workers drafted into service there.
While production cutbacks were
anticipated in some industrial
areas in the East and Midwest,
none were in prospect for the
west coast. On the contrary, of-
ficials said, activity will mount in
both the San Francisco and Los
Angeles areas, and July 1 may
find San Francisco the nation's
No. 1 critical labor area.

A survey also showed this man-
power outlook for other regions:
St. Louis: Manpower outlook
satisfactory for the next three
months but farm labor shortages
foreseen in the coming harvesting
season. Difficulty expected in
certain occupations.

STEPHENS IN RACE FOR U. S. SENATOR

Howard V. Stephens, president
of the Johnson, Stephens & Shin-
kle shoe factory here, and a friend
and acquaintance of many Rolla
area folks, has announced his can-
didacy for the U. S. Senate, sub-
ject to the Republican primary
August 1.
In announcing his candidacy, Mr.
Stephens said, in part:
"I will be a candidate for the
Republican nomination for United
States Senator from Missouri. My
declaration will be filed immedi-
ately.

"I am announcing my decision at
this time in fairness to my friends
and to those leaders of my party
throughout the state who are en-
titled to an answer to their re-
quests that I become a candidate
for such nomination.

"This decision has not been made
lightly, no more than I expect the
voters of Missouri to support me
lightly without first giving
thoughtful consideration to the is-
sues and to my position upon each
issue.

"I have given careful thought to
this decision since last September,
when I started going about the
state to determine to my own sat-
isfaction whether or not there
were enough others who agreed
with my firmly held beliefs to war-
rant my entering the campaign.

"The fact that I am today an-
nouncing my candidacy is evidence
meeting of minds between myself
and those throughout Missouri
with whom I have talked.

"During the forthcoming months
I will conduct a vigorous campaign
throughout the state to present in
detail my stand upon all the issues
as I see them. I would like to get
some of these views on the record
at this time so that the voters of
Missouri may have ample time to
evaluate them."

Tool Builders' Association, reports:
Berna predicts that most of the
machines are adaptable to peace-
time need and advises that indus-
try prepare for "their private de-
pression" after the war by building
up adequate financial reserves and
planning research and experimen-
tal work to fill the declining
period.

Red Drive May Trap 1,000,000 Nazis

Stab Into Poland Fans Out, Looms As Axis Disaster

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(UP)—Powerful Russian
armies were reported sweeping across the pre-war
Polish frontiers on a 50-mile front today and fanning
out through the western Ukraine in a two-pronged
drive that threatened to trap 1,000,000 Nazi troops in
Germany's greatest disaster of the war.

The northern wing of Gen. Nikolai F. Vatu-
tin's 1st Ukrainian Army was reported rolling
swiftly into Poland in pursuit of a disintegrating
German army, opening the way to the flat plains
bordering Germany itself.

Simultaneously, Vatuln's southern wing lashed
out south of Kiev to capture the highway and railroad
junction of Belaya Tserkov in a thrust aimed at clos-
ing off the last escape routes open to the huge Nazi
forces pinned in the Dnieper Bend.

Belaya Tserkov had been all but encircled for
days, but its fall opened the floodgates to a Red Army
drive down into the Dnieper Bend that increased the
gravity of the German position with every mile of
its advance.

Front reports indicated that German resist-
ance was collapsing everywhere in the path of
Vatuln's triumphant advance and that the hard-
pressed Nazis were straining to extricate the bulk
of their forces from the rapidly closing Russian
trap.

An estimated 1,000,000 or more German troops
were believed pinned down inside the Dnieper Bend
and in the Crimean Peninsula, with only two main
Russian railroad lines still open for a possible with-
drawal.

Air Pounding of Axis Europe Is Unrelentless

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(UP)—Wave
after wave of Allied bombers
roared over across the English
channel in a cloudless sky today
for a resumption of daylight at-
tacks on Axis Europe following a
British Mosquito raid on western
Germany last night.

Berlin still was burning
from its 11th mass raid since
Aug. 23 and experienced Brit-
ish airmen estimated that 10
more such large-scale at-
tacks, if delivered in quick
succession, would complete
the knockout of the capital as
the nerve center of Ger-
many.

Targets of the daylight raiders
were not identified immediately,
but it was possible that American
and British bombers were resum-
ing their pre-invasion softening
of the French coast.

Two-engine RAF Mosquitoes
carried on the night offensive
against Germany, presumably hit-
ting at the industrial Ruhr or
Rhine land, and returned without
loss.

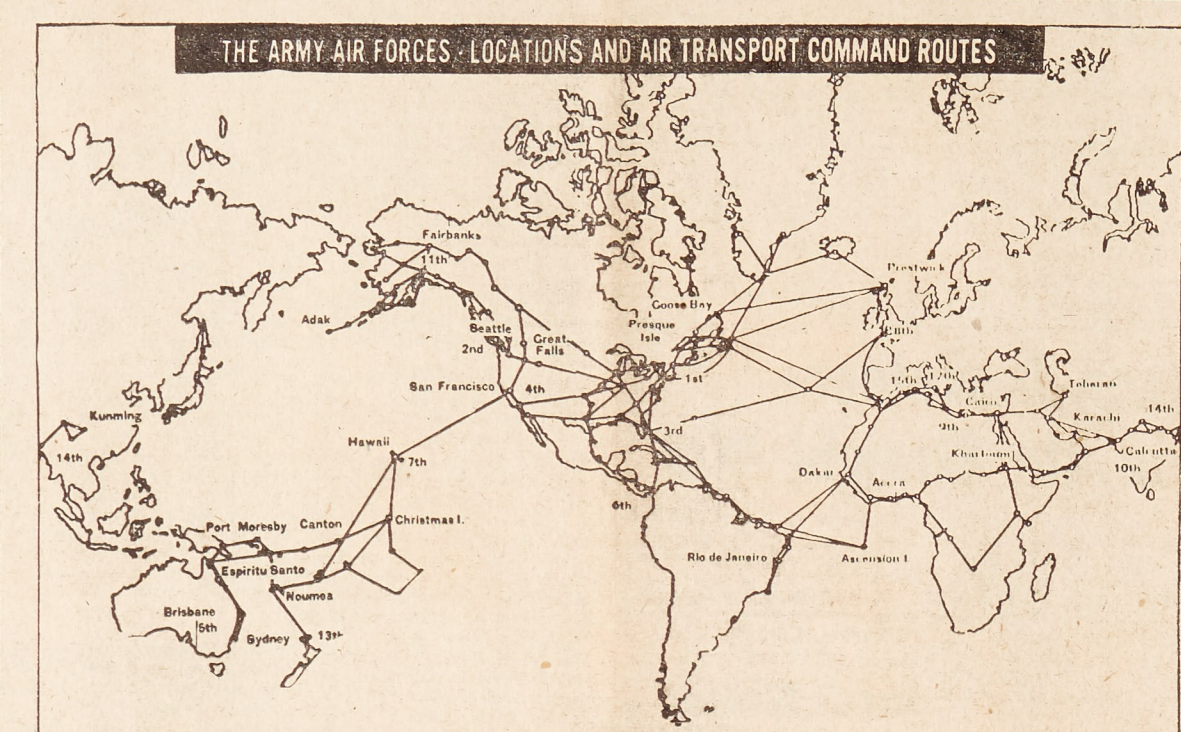
Inclement weather and possibly
a desire to re-group strength
after two heavy raids on Berlin
on successive nights apparently
grounded the RAF's heavy bom-
bers last night, but an early re-
sumption of the methodical de-
struction of the capital was ex-
pected.

Berlin Damage Great
One well-informed source placed
destruction of essential installa-
tions in Berlin by bombs at more
than 40 per cent and other quar-

Says Sinatra Sings 'Melodic Strip-Tease'

BOSTON (UP)—Psychologist
Wayland F. Vaughan of Boston
University attributes crooner
Frank Sinatra's success to "a sort
of melodic strip-tease in which he
lays bare his soul."

"His voice haunts me," Vaughan
said, "because it is so reminiscent
of the sound of the loon which I
hear in the summer at a New
Hampshire lake, a loon who lost
his mate several years ago and still
is calling hopefully for her return."



THE WORLD'S LARGEST AIR FORCE is now owned by the United States, according to statement today by Gen. H. H. Arnold. Manned by 2,385,000 men, this large force of air power is poised for the knockout blow against the Axis, Gen. Arnold said, adding significantly that in the next 15 months the U. S. expects to add 145,000 more planes to the force.

TO RECONSIDER NEWSPAPER AND RADIO POLICY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(UP)—
The Federal Communications
commission, which was scheduled
to declare last week its new policy
on further newspaper ownership
of radio facilities, has decided to
delay the action until some later
date, it was understood today.

Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn.,
said he had heard that congress-
ional opposition to "unwarranted
discrimination" against newspaper
owners had led the FCC to "hold
off and review" an opinion which
would tend to exclude newspapers
from further entrance into radio.

The proposed opinion, he said,
"endorsed the exclusion on the
grounds that diversified control
over channels of information is
most to be desired and that it can
best be obtained by keeping radio
apart from the influence of pub-
lications."

Knutson said he had been ad-
vised that a pre-New Year's meet-
ing at which the FCC was sched-
uled to give final approval to the
new opinion had been cancelled
abruptly by Chairman James L.
Fly and that members were in-
formed further action would await
his approval.

"If the commission has decided
to postpone action on this opinion,
which so obviously lays the basis
for discrimination in the dissem-
ination of news, I believe its pause
for reconsideration is well-
advised," he declared.

Knutson charged that the new
policy would tend to exclude news-
papers from participation in either
frequency modulation (FM) or
facsimile reproduction as well as
standard broadcasting.

"Newspaper pioneering in broad-
casting has been responsible for
much of its progress," he said,
"newspaper pioneering in FM and
facsimile, which are soon to take
their place with post-war improve-
ments in other fields, will aid in
still greater efficiency in circula-
tion of news. Any move to block
this would be unthinkable."

"To deny newspapers the right
to use these modern methods of
communication might be compared
to passing a restriction 50 years
ago forbidding papers to use lin-
otypes or modern high speed
presses," he added.

Sees All-Time Low In U. S. Beef in 1944

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UP)—The
secretary of the National Livestock
Association, F. E. Mollin, says the
United States will have less beef
than ever before next year, al-
though the nation's cattle popula-
tion is at an all-time high.
Mollin says cattlemen hesitate
to fatten up their herds for market
because of the uncertainty of OPA
price regulations. Mollin, whose
home is in Denver, spoke before
the executive committee of the
Wyoming Stockgrowers Associa-
tion in Cheyenne.

Air Supremacy Achieved, End Has Begun for Enemy, Says Arnold

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(UP)—
Allied air forces now smashing
German cities and blasting an in-
vasion path into western Europe
are nearing victory in an epic
battle for sky supremacy which
will be "a major turning point in
the war," Gen. H. H. Arnold as-
serted today.

He stated:
"It is now plain that for
the beginning has ended;
for our enemies, the end has
begun."

Airplane production has steady-
ly mounted from 2,972 planes in
January, 1942, to approximately
8,800 planes in November, 1943.
Arnold said, and the average
weight of aircraft, moreover, has
doubled in a year.

Arnold noted that to October
1, 1943, the Allies had received
a total of 26,900 planes from
America, either under lend-lease
or by direct purchase, and that
in the next 15 months 145,000
planes are scheduled for comple-
tion.

NEW FOLKS IN THE NEWS ---

GRANDDAUGHTER
TO STAIRS.
A message came to Mr. and Mrs.
Alva Stair, 208 Walnut, yesterday
that a little 4½ pound daughter
had been born to their son and
daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.
Dean Stair.

The new parents were on their
way to Rolla by train from Gowen
Field, Boise, Ida., where Dean had
received a medical discharge from
the army a few days ago, and
stopped off in Kansas City, where
the little daughter was born in
a hospital a few hours later.

The mother is the former Miss
Marilyn Eveland of Salem, Mo.
She, too, was born in Kansas City.

NEWEST USO SHOW HEADED THIS WAY

FT. WOOD, (Special)—What
looks like the best of the smaller
USO shows which are being sent
to Fort Leonard Wood will appear
here Jan. 10, 11, 12 and 13 and will
feature some long-hair dancing,
singing and instrumental solos.

The show will bring two pianists,
a baritone, a dancer, a soprano
and a violinist. Included will be
Pianist Amparo Navarro Iturbi,
sister of Jose Iturbi, the world-
famous pianist.

Robert Earl Shank Now in Lead Baby Derby Rolla Area

Capt. and Mrs. John H. Shank,
809 W. 12th St. are the parents of
a 9-pound son, born Sunday, Jan.
2 at 8:15 a. m. at the Rolla Matern-
ity Apartments. He has been
named Robert Earl, and is his
parents' second son.

Capt. Shank is assistant pro-
fessor of Military Science and
Tactics at MSM, and is a graduate
of the Colorado School of Mines,
with a B. S. in Metallurgy. The
Shanks have lived in Rolla about a
year, they formerly made their
home in Denver, Colo.

According to reports received
thus far, Robert Earl is the Rolla
community's first baby of 1944.
Unless announcement of an earlier
birth is received, he will be the
winner of the First Baby Contest,
announced in yesterday's NEW
ERA.

The judges will receive reports
on other births, if any, in the Rolla
trade area, at the New Era office
until noon Wednesday, at which
time the winner will be decided
and announced.

The "first 1944 baby of the Rolla
area" will receive gifts from Will-
iams Market, Eaves Drugs, Stoltz
Variety, Crumpler's, Lorraine
Shop, Rolla State Bank, Carp's and
the New Era, as described in
Monday's New Era.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAN. 5

Tomorrow evening the Presby-
terian church of Rolla will be host
to Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Waggoner
of Sedalia, Mo. Dr. Waggoner is
the executive secretary of the
Synod of Missouri, in which ca-
pacity he has supervision of all
Presbyterian work in the state.

A covered dish supper will be
served to members and friends of
the church at 6:30 p. m.

At 7:45 p. m. a service will be
held in the church sanctuary, at
which time Dr. Waggoner will
speak briefly on "Our High Call-
ing in Christ," the theme of the
current year.

Mrs. Waggoner will then deliver
an address, "Missions Around the
World," which she will illustrate
with a display of 150 imported
handmade dolls from all over the
world. This is a part of Mrs.
Waggoner's fine doll collection.

The public is cordially invited
to share in this service.

REV. CARLISLE TO SPEAK AT C. OF C. TOMORROW

Rev. J. V. Carlisle will be the
speaker at the Chamber of Com-
merce luncheon at the Pennant
Wednesday noon.
The subject for the new Baptist
minister will be: "Reliable Guid-
ance for Today's World."

BACK THE ATTACK!
BUY MORE BONDS!

THE WEATHER

Cloudy, little change in tempera-
ture.